### Grace, Pamela

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 12:10 PM

To:

Grace, Pamela

Subject:

Re: Follow up from Friday October 12 Phone Conversation about Lead Disclosure

Violation with Derek Dobratz

Ms. Pamela Grace,

October 14th, 2018

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\*(Correction 10/15/18 DD: Derek Dobratz did not provide this copy of the lease agreement to the EPA)\*

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### Failure to Retain Records/Signatures and Dates

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- Level 6: Lessor and Agent Requirement: Failure to include, as an attachment or within a contract to lease target housing, the signatures of the lessors, agents and lessees certifying to the accuracy of their statements, as well as dates of said signatures, pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(6)
- o **Level 6:** Seller, Lessor, and Agent Requirement: Failure to retain a copy of the completed disclosure records for no less than three years from the commencement date of the lease or the completion date of the sale pursuant to **40 CFR § 745.113(c)(1)**

Will any of the Violations that are listed above be enforced by the EPA for this specific case against my Landlord Carl Schneider, Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC?

YES	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
NO	
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# For violations occurring on or after March 15, 2004 The gravity-based penalty, a function of the nature, circumstances, and extent of each <u>violation</u>, is guided by the following matrix.

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	Extent	Extent	Extent	
<u>HIGH</u>				
Level 1	\$11,000	\$7,740		\$2,580
Level 2	\$10,320	\$6,450	\$1,5 <u>50</u>	
<u>MEDIUM</u>				
Level 3	\$7,740	\$5,160	\$770	
Level 4	\$5,160	\$3,220	\$520	
<u>LOW</u>				
Level 5	\$2,580	\$1,680	\$260	
Level 6	\$1,290	\$640	\$130	

## **Question & Answer from the EPA Website:**

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/1018ga.pdf

## What if I'm renting target housing?

Am I required to give the EPA pamphlet Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home to <u>existing tenants</u>?

No, but when tenants renew their leases, you must give them the pamphlet and any available reports. In other words, you must give them the same information that you are required to provide new tenants.

## Must I check my house for lead prior to sale?

No. The rule does not require that a seller conduct or finance an inspection or risk assessment. The seller, however, is required to provide the buyer a 10-day period to test for lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards.

(NOTE: This information is in the "what if I'm renting target housing section")

## **Agent Responsibilities**

## Agents must ensure that:

- ! Sellers and landlords are made aware of their obligations under this rule.
- ! Sellers and landlords disclose the proper information to lessors, buyers, and tenants.
- ! Sellers give purchasers the opportunity to conduct an inspection.

! Lease and sales contracts contain the appropriate notification and disclosure language and proper signatures.

What is the responsibility of an agent if the seller or landlord fails to comply with this rule?

The agent is responsible for informing the seller or lessor of his or her obligations under this rule. In addition, the agent is responsible if the seller or lessor fails to comply. However, an agent is not responsible for information withheld by the seller or lessor.

## **Purchaser & Renter Rights**

## As a purchaser, am I required to conduct and finance an inspection?

No. The rule simply ensures that you have the opportunity to test for lead before purchase

## If I am renting, do I have the same opportunity to test for lead?

Under the law, the 10-day inspection period is limited to <u>sales transactions</u>, but nothing prevents the renter from negotiating with the lessor to allow time for an inspection before rental.

## **Section 1018 Questions:**

Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC: Fail to provide Derek Dobratz the EPA-approved lead hazard information/pamphlet pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.107(a)(1) for any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?

Lease term 2013-2014
<u>Yes</u>
No
Lease term 2014-2015
Yes
No
Lease term 2015-2016
<u>Yes</u>
No
Lease term 2016-2017
<u>Yes</u>
No
Lease term 2017-2018
<u>Yes</u>
No

Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC disclose to Derek Dobratz the presence of any known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.107(a)(2) for any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?

Lease term	2013-2014
Yes	_
No	
Lease term	
Yes	

Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC and Derek Dobratz within any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?
Lease term 2013-2014
Yes
No
Lease term 2014-2015
Yes
No
Lease term 2015-2016
<u>Yes</u>
<u>No</u>
Lease term 2016-2017
Yes
No Lease term 2017-2018
Yes
No
NO
Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC Fail to include, as an attachment or within the contract to least target housing, a statement by the lessor, Derek Dobratz, disclosing the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards or indicating no knowledge of the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint
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Mary Schneider & Carl Schneider of MLS Holdings LLC?
Yes
No
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provided Derek Dobratz or Angela Lehmkuhl the EPA approved Brochure providing them information
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No No
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Yes
No

Did the EPA receive any or all of the Lease Agreements for the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208 between Carl Schneider, Mary Schneider / (MLS Holdings LLC) and Derek Dobratz for the years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, & 2017-2018?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if they knew that there was a pregnant woman living on the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208 as of January 2015?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if they knew there was a child under the age of 6 living on the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if they had ever read or acquired any knowledge or literature about the hazards of Home Lead Hazards during any of the years they managed rental properties between 2002 through 2018?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if they had ever read the EPA approved brochure pamphlet "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home"?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if they had ever distributed the EPA approved brochure pamphlet "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home" to any of their tenants past or present?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if they KNEW about any lead hazards on the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask any current or previous tenant of MLS Holdings LLC if they were provided an EPA approved informative brochure about potential Lead Hazards on this rental property, specifically the brochure "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home"?  Yes No

Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if there were any reports of known Lead Hazards on the Property?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if they ever Personally or had the property Professionally tested for lead hazards specifically the Flaking Paint on the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208?  Yes No
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Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider if a risk assessment or visual inspection for potential health risks was ever performed on the property or at anytime during there ownership of the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208?  Yes No
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Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Carl Schneider for any maintenance reports or records for the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Carl Schneider what his profession was, or he did for work?  Yes No

Did the EPA verbally or through written communication ask Carl Schneider if he was a Lead Certified Contractor?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication call or contact the Milwaukee Health department to obtain any documents pertaining to this specific Lead Disclosure Violation case?  Yes No
Did the EPA verbally or through written communication, call or contact the Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services to obtain any documents about code violations reported on the property?  Yes No
Did the EPA ever contact the Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services inspector and ask them if the work performed was in compliance with EPA regulations.  Yes No
Was work order that was requested and authorized by the City of Milwaukee to be performed on the property located at 5615 W. Lloyd St. Milwaukee, WI 53208 during the months of May 2018 through July 2018 completed by a certified contractor?  Yes No
Did the EPA conduct physical or electronic audit of the property records for Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holding LLC?  Yes No
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Yes No

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Sincerely,

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### Circumstance Level:

- Level 2: Lessor and Agent Requirement: Failure to include, as an attachment or within the contract to lease target housing, the Lead Warning Statement pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(1)
- o Level 3: Lessor and Agent Requirement: Failure to include, as an attachment or within the contract to lease target housing, a statement by the lessor disclosing the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards or indicating no knowledge of the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(2)

#### Certification and Acknowledgment

### Circumstance Level:

- Level 5: Lessor and Agent Requirement: Failure to include, as an attachment or within a contract to lease target housing, a list of any records or reports available to the lessor that pertain to the presence of any known leadbased paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing or to indicate that no such records are available pursuant to **40 CFR § 745.113(b)(3)**
- o Level 4: Lessor and Agent Requirement: Failure to include, as an attachment or within a contract to lease target housing, a statement by the lessee affirming receipt of the information required by 40 CFR §§745.113(b)(2) and (b)(3) and the lead hazard pamphlet required under 15 USC § 2696 (sic, misprint should read § 2686) as specified in 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(4)

### Circumstance Level:

- Level 6: Lessor and Agent Requirement: Failure to include, as an attachment or within a contract to lease target housing, the signatures of the lessors, agents and lessees certifying to the accuracy of their statements, as well as dates of said signatures, pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(6)
- o **Level 6:** Seller, Lessor, and Agent Requirement: Failure to retain a copy of the completed disclosure records for no less than three years from the commencement date of the lease or the completion date of the sale pursuant to **40 CFR § 745.113(c)(1)**

Will any of the Violations that are listed above be enforced by the EPA for this specific case against my Landlord Carl Schneider, Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC?

YES	•
NO	

## <u>Appendix B Penalty Matrices</u>

**Gravity-Based Penalty Matrix13** 

For violations occurring on or after March 15, 2004

The gravity-based penalty, a function of the nature, circumstances, and extent of each <u>violation</u>, <u>is guided by the following matrix.</u>

<u>Circumstance:</u>	Major Extent	Significant Extent	Minor Exten	ıt
<u>HIGH</u>				
Level 1	\$11,00	0 \$7,740		\$2,580
Level 2	\$10,320	\$6,450	\$1,550	
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MEDIUM				
Level 3	\$7,740	\$5,160	\$770	
Level 4	\$5,160	\$3,220	\$520	
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<u>LOW</u>				
Level 5	\$2,580	\$1,680	\$260	
Level 6	\$1,290	\$640	\$130	

## **Question & Answer from the EPA Website:**

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/1018qa.pdf

## What if I'm renting target housing?

Am I required to give the EPA pamphlet Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home to <u>existing tenants</u>?

No, but when tenants renew their leases, you must give them the pamphlet and any available reports. In other words, you must give them the same information that you are required to provide new tenants.

## Must I check my house for lead prior to sale?

No. The rule does not require that a seller conduct or finance an inspection or risk assessment. The seller, however, is required to provide the buyer a 10-day period to test for lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards.

(NOTE: This information is in the "what if I'm renting target housing section")

## **Agent Responsibilities**

### Agents must ensure that:

- ! Sellers and landlords are made aware of their obligations under this rule.
- ! Sellers and landlords disclose the proper information to lessors, buyers, and tenants.
- ! Sellers give purchasers the opportunity to conduct an inspection.
- ! Lease and sales contracts contain the appropriate notification and disclosure language and proper signatures.

## What is the responsibility of an agent if the seller or landlord fails to comply with this rule?

The agent is responsible for informing the seller or lessor of his or her obligations under this rule. In addition, the agent is responsible if the seller or lessor fails to comply. However, an agent is not responsible for information withheld by the seller or lessor.

## **Purchaser & Renter Rights**

### As a purchaser, am I required to conduct and finance an inspection?

No. The rule simply ensures that you have the opportunity to test for lead before purchase

### If I am renting, do I have the same opportunity to test for lead?

Under the law, the 10-day inspection period is limited to <u>sales transactions</u>, but nothing prevents the renter from negotiating with the lessor to allow time for an inspection before rental.

### **Section 1018 Questions:**

Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC: Fail to provide Derek Dobratz the EPA-approved lead hazard information/pamphlet pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.107(a)(1) for any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?

Lease term 2013-2014
Yes
No
Lease term 2014-2015
Yes
No
Lease term 2015-2016
<u>Yes</u>
No
Lease term 2016-2017
<u>Yes</u>
No
Lease term 2017-2018
<u>Yes</u>
No

Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC disclose to Derek Dobratz the presence of any known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.107(a)(2) for any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?

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Lease term 2013-2014		
Yes		
<u>No</u>		
Lease term 2014-2015		
Yes		
<u>No</u>		
Lease term 2015-2016		
Yes		
No		
Lease term 2016-2017		
Yes		
No		
Lease term 2017-2018		
Yes		
<u>No</u>		
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Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings Lt to Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LL in the target housing pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.107(a)(	.C pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-	
Yes		
No		
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Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings L to Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LL in the target housing pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.107(a)(	.C pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-	based paint hazards
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Lease term 2015-2016		
Yes		
No		
Lease term 2016-2017		
Yes		
No		
Lease term 2017-2018		
Yes		
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No

Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC Fail to include, as an attachment or within the contract to lease target housing, the Lead Warning Statement pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(1), with any lease agreement between Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC and Derek Dobratz within any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?

Lease term 2013-2014
Yes
No
Lease term 2014-2015
Yes
No
Lease term 2015-2016
Yes
No
Lease term 2016-2017
Yes
No
Lease term 2017-2018
Yes
No

Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC Fail to include, as an attachment or within the contract to lease target housing, a statement by the lessor, Derek Dobratz, disclosing the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards or indicating no knowledge of the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(2), on any lease agreement or contract between Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC and Derek Dobratz during any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?

Lease term 2013-2014
Yes
No
Lease term 2014-2015
Yes
No
Lease term 2015-2016
Yes
No
Lease term 2016-2017
Yes
No
Lease term 2017-2018
Yes
No
Lease term 2017-2018
Yes
No

Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC Fail to include, as an attachment or within a contract to lease target housing, a list of any records or reports available to Derek Dobratz the lessor, that pertain to the presence of any known lead based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the target housing or to indicate that no such records are available pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(3) on any lease agreement or contract between Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC and Derek Dobratz during any of the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?

Yes	
No	
Lease term 2014-2015	
Yes	
No	
Lease term 2015-2016	
<u>Yes</u>	
<u>No</u>	
Lease term 2016-2017	
<u>Yes</u>	
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Lease term 2017-2018	
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2686) as specified in 40 CFR § 745.113(b)(4), on any lease agree	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC and Derek Dobratz during any of	the following annual lease agreement(s) or term(s)?
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Lease term 2013-2014	
Yes	
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Lease term 2014-2015	
<u>Yes</u>	
<u>No</u>	
Lease term 2015-2016	
Yes	
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Lease term 2016-2017	
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Lease term 2017-2018	
Yes	
No	
Did Carl Schneider or Mary Schneider Fail to include, as an atta	chmont or within a contract to lease target housing the
signatures of the Carl Schneider and / or Mary Schneider and D	
statements, as well as dates of said signatures, pursuant to 40 (	CFR § 745.113(b)(6), on any lease agreement or contrac
between Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC	and Derek Dobratz during any of the following annual
lease agreement(s) or term(s)?	*
Lease term 2013-2014	
<u>Yes</u>	
<u>No</u>	
Lease term 2014-2015	
Yes	
No	

Lease term 2015-2016
Yes
<u>No</u>
Lease term 2016-2017
Yes
<u>No</u>
Lease term 2017-2018
Yes
No

Did Mary Schneider or Carl Schneider / MLS Holdings LLC Fail to retain a copy of the completed disclosure records for no less than three years from the commencement date of the lease or the completion date of the sale pursuant to 40 CFR § 745.113(c)(1), on any lease agreement

**Derek Dobratz**